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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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Title: CONDUCTION ASSIST MEMBER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF THE SAME

1. Type of Application

This is a request for filing a DIVISIONAL APPLICATION under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/047,102, Prior Art Unit: 2839,
Date Filed: March 24, 1998, Prior Examiner: Prasad, C.,
Title: CONDUCTION ASSIST MEMBER AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF
THE SAME
Inventor(s): Toshimasa OCHIAI.

2. Papers Enclosed

A. Required for filing date under 37 CFR 1.53(b) (Regular) are:

17 Page(s) of Specification
5 Page(s) of Claims
1 Page(s) of Abstract
5 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-8)

B. Other Papers Enclosed

- A Patent Application Bibliographic Data Sheet
- A Preliminary Amendment
- A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the prior application
- Information Disclosure Statement
- Form PTO-1449

3. Amend the specification by inserting after the title and before the first line the sentence:

--Cross Reference to Related Application

This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/047,102, filed March 24, 1998, now allowed, the entirety of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

4. Relate Back

A. 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

Priority of provisional application Serial No. _____ filed _____, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).

B. 35 U.S.C. 120, 121 and 365(c)

Priority of said prior application 09/047,102, filed March 24, 1998, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

C. 35 U.S.C. 119 Priority Claim for Prior Application

Priority of foreign application(s) No. 9-076,342, filed March 27, 1997 in Japan is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application was filed in prior application Serial No. 09/047,102 on March 24, 1998.
 A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is filed herewith.

5. Declaration or Oath (including Power of Attorney)

The power of attorney in the prior application is to Stephen P. Burr, Reg. No. 32,970:

The power appears in the New Power of Attorney form filed herewith.
 A copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
 Power filed in the previous case - no new power is necessary.
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6. Inventorship Statement

The inventorship for all the claims in this application are the same.

7. Assignment

The prior application is assigned of record to NGK Insulators, Ltd. at Reel 9070, Frame(s) 0369 on March 24, 1998.

8. Small Entity Status

[] Applicant(s) hereby claim(s) small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

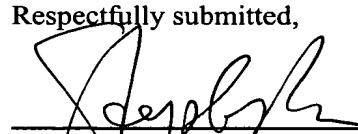
9. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

A. Filing Fee	
[x] Original Patent Application (37 C.F.R. 1.16(a)--\$710.00; Small Entity--\$355.00)	\$ <u>710.00</u>
B. Fees for Claims (16 Claims; 2 Indep.)	
[] each independent claim in excess of 3 (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)--\$80.00; small entity--\$40.00)	\$ <u>.00</u>
[] each claim in excess of 20 (37 C.F.R. 1.16(c)--\$18.00; small entity--\$9.00)	\$ <u>.00</u>
[] multiple dependent claim(s) (37 C.F.R. 1.16(d)--\$270.00; small entity--\$135.00)	\$ <u>.00</u>
Total Fees Due \$ 710.00	

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- [x] Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.
- [x] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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